The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" As I have stated before, it is only a question of general administrative experience, and the Government in this case have fully gone into this question before making this appointment, and based their choice thereon."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur :—" May I enquire whether any applications were invited for the post, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir, but one or two had sent in their applications "

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether applications were invited by the Public Services Commission, before it was filled up ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" There was no necessity, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government wanted them to recommend a most efficient officer for this appointment ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, why, Sir."

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" The Government had all the information they wanted."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether the prevailing political situation in the province contributed to the making of this appointment, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—' I could not quite catch that question. Will the hon. Member mind repeating it, Sir ? "

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister kindly state whether the political situation in the City was to a large extent responsible for the appointment ? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN : —" Certainly not, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" Is it not, Sir, that a large number of appointments are directly due to the political situation in this country ? " (Continued laughter.)

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Fisheries

Supervision of fishermen co-operative societies on the West Coast.

* 400 Q.—Mr. A. B SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have appointed any additional staff for the supervision of fishermen co-operative societies on the West Coast;

(b) whether this staff is also required to supervise the schools conducted by the Fisheries department; and

(c) whether the Inspectors of Fisheries continue to supervise the working of schools and co-operative societies?